



MINUTES
Arkansas Board of Parole
January 29, 2009 - 9:30 A.M.
ABP Board Room – Little Rock

MEMBERS PRESENT: *Leroy Brownlee, Chairman*
 Abraham Carpenter, Jr., Vice-Chairman
 Richard L. Mays, Jr., Secretary
 John Felts, Commissioner
 Carolyn Robinson, Commissioner
 John Belken, Commissioner

HEARING EXAMINERS: *Carol V. Bohannon, Attorney*
 James L. Williams, II, Attorney
 Ernest Sanders, Jr., Attorney

ABSENT – EXCUSED
WITHVALID REASON(S): *Joseph Peacock, Commissioner*

MINUTES PREPARED BY: *Sharon H. Lewis, Management Project Analyst, ABP*

OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES

Wendy Kelley, Deputy Director, Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC)
Rick Hart, Deputy Director, Department of Community Correction (DCC)
Dan Roberts, Deputy Director, Department of Community Correction
Steve Arnold, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Jeff Tillman, Assistant Director, Parole/Probation, DCC
Shirley Ellingburg, Area Manager, Institutional Release Services, DCC
Don Barnes, Assistant Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Solomon Graves, User Support Analyst, ABP
Tamara Salaam, Board Specialist/Administrative Assistant, ABP
Bernastene Hendrix, Agency Fiscal Manager, ABP
Lois Hansberry, Administrative Assistant, ABP
Robin Radford, Administrative Assistant, ABP
Amber Baldwin, Secretary, ABP

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CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Brownlee called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. A quorum was declared.

MINUTES

Commissioner Carpenter moved,
Commissioner Felts seconded and the motion carried to approve the board minutes of January 15, 2009.

POPULATION REPORTS

A brief overview of ADC, DCC, & ABP population reports was conducted by the Board.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE

Mr. Barnes gave an update on the pending litigation cases.

The Board inquired on the inmate death row cases. Mr. Barnes will check on it and submit a status report.

HEARING EXAMINERS' REPORT

The Hearing Examiners presented an oral report on the hearings they conducted during the month of January 2009.

Beginning in February, the number of parole hearings conducted by the Hearing Examiners will be added to their monthly report.

Mrs. Bohannon reported that Mr. Andrew Vess, has been assigned to the Board as an Extern from the University of Little Rock School of Law. Mr. Vess will be conducting research for the Board and Hearing Examiners. Chairman Brownlee requested for Ms. Bohannon to submit an itinerary for Mr. Vess.

OLD BUSINESS

Board members and Hearing Examiners were reminded of the January 31st deadline to submit their Statement of Financial Interest form to the Secretary of State's Office.

Mr. Graves gave an update on the ACA Accreditation. The first board panel/inmate discussion will take place on February 19th, at the Wrightsville Unit. The second discussion will be February 26th at the Little Rock Parole Office.

On March 12th, the Board will be conducting their board meeting at the Omega Technical Violator Center in Malvern, Arkansas at 10:00 a.m. Following the meeting, a tour will be held of the facility.

NEW BUSINESS

Staff from the ABP Revocation Section reported on the problems they were experiencing with the Parole Officers on processing waivers, warrants, and correct paperwork not being submitting. Mr. Roberts will work with ABP on a corrective action in resolving this matter.

To create a better working relationship with DCC field staff, Board members will be visiting the parole offices more frequently.

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HEARING SCHEDULE

The Board reviewed the February 09 Parole Hearing Schedule. Members were requested to notify the Chairman, Tamara Salaam, and/or Lois Hansberry for coordination of changes.

FILES FOR DISCUSSION - REVIEW

The Board reviewed the listing of the victim input hearings conducted in January.


RATIFICATION OF VOTES

Commissioner Mays moved.

Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 12, 2009 @ 9:30 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.


LEROY BROWNLEE
CHAIRMAN


RICHARD L. MAYS, JR.
SECRETARY

**ARKANSAS BOARD OF PAROLE
FULL BOARD RATIFICATION VOTES BY UNITS**

JANUARY 2009

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BENTON	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CENTRAL AR CORR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CUMMINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
DIAGNOSTIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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NORTHEAST AR CORR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OUACHITA REGIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
PINE BLUFF	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
RANDALL L. WILLIAMS CORR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOUTHEAST AR CORR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SOUTHWEST AR CORR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TEXARKANA REGIONAL CORR.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
VARNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
WRIGHTSVILLE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
OTHER: RESCINDS & TRANSFER SCREENINGS, ACT 290'S SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS, 700'S, RECONSIDERATION, REVOCATION APPEALS, CLEMENCIES, PARDONS, ETC.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

MOTION BY: RICHARD L. MAYS, JR. SECONDED BY: ABRAHAM CARPENTER, JR.

RATIFICATION DATE: JANUARY 29, 2009